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SUBJECT: EA ASSISTANT SECRETARY INGERSOLL'S VISIT

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1. EMBASSY DELIGHTED THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY INGERSOLL PLANNING TO STOP IN LONDON EN ROUTE PARIS. WE HAVE DISCUSSED VISIT WITH MICHAEL WILFORD, DEPUTY UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EA AFFAIRS IN FCO. FCO WELCOMES PROSPECT OF MEETING WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY INGERSOLL AND PROPOSES FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

NOON - MEETING IN FCO PRESIDED BY SIR THOMAS BRIMELOW, PERMANENT UNDERSECRETARY OF FCO.

UNDERSECRETARIES - WILFORD AND OLIVER WRIGHT (ECONOMIC - INCLUDING ENERGY - AND EC AFFAIRS) AND PERHAPS OTHERS WOULD BE PRESENT.

1300 - LUNCHEON GIVEN BY FCO - EITHER BRIMELOW OR ONE OF FCO MINISTERS WOULD BE HOST.

2. FOLLOWING THIS SCHEDULE, ASST. SECRETARY INGERSOLL COULD REST FOR ABOUT TWO HOURS AFTER ARRIVAL LONDON BEFORE FCO MEETING. BECAUSE OF SECURITY ALERT, DEPARTURE PROCEDURES FROM HEATHROW AIRPORT CURRENTLY ARE VERY STRICT REQUIRING ARRIVAL ONE AND ONE-HALF HOURS PRIOR TO FLIGHT. WE WILL TRY TO WORK OUT DEPARTURE EARLIER THAN 1740 BUT THIS MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE. WE WILL ADVISE ON THIS POINT.

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3. REGRET THAT AMBASSADOR ANNENBERG WILL NOT BE IN LONDON ON JANUARY 16. CHARGE INVITES ASST. SECRETARY, MRS. INGERSOLL AND MR. HELBLE TO REST AT CHARGE'S RESIDENCE UNLESS THEY WOULD PREFER A HOTEL.

4. FCO PROPOSES STAG, WORKING LUNCHEON. MRS. SOHM CORDIALLY INVITES MRS. INGERSOLL FOR LUNCH AT CHARGE'S RESIDENCE AT NOON (MRS. SOHM HAS ANOTHER ENGAGEMENT AT L:30). WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO ARRANGE FOR OTHER ACTIVITIES FOR MRS. INGERSOLL AS DESIRED BETWEEN LUNCH AND DEPARTURE FROM CITY.

5. SPECIAL ASSISTANT HELBLE WILL BE INCLUDED IN ALL ACTIVITIES FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY INGERSOLL.

6. WE ANTICIPATE THAT ISSUES OF INTEREST TO FCO OFFICIALS WOULD BE:

- (1) ENERGY
- (2) US/EC/JAPAN DECLARATION
- (3) US/PRC RELATIONS
- (4) CURRENT SITUATION IN VIET-NAM

WE WILL DISCUSS THIS ASPECT FURTHER WITH FCO AND REPORT MORE FULLY SOONEST.

7. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST IF THESE ARRANGEMENTS SATISFACTORY.

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